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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2214

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NAIROBI FOR ASST SECTY DAVIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PINS, CASC (SMUTS, BARBARA)(SMITH, KENNETH STEPHEN)
(HUNTER, CARRIE JANE)

SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: EXCHANGE GROUP DEPARTS DAR

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 2211 AND OTHERS

1. FIRST OF TWO CHARTER AIRCRAFT DEPARTED DAR AT 1005 HOURS
LOCAL TODAY, 23 JUNE, AND SECOND CHARTER DEPARTED 1115 HOURS.
FIRST AIRCRAFT CARRIES PRP REPS AND BRYCESON. SECOND PLANE
CARRIES HAMBURG, HUNTER AND THE RANSOM.

2. IF FIRST FLIGHT IS UNEVENTFUL, IT SHOULD ARRIVE KIGOMA
APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS LOCAL, AND PRP REP AND MISSION BOAT
SHOULD LEAVE TANZANIAN SIDE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA BY NO LATER
THAN 1600 HOURS.

3. AGAIN, IF SCHEDULE HOLDS, BOAT SHOULD REACH ZAIRIAN
SIDE APPROXIMATELY 1900 HOURS. WE ANTICIPATE WAITING PERIOD
OF ABOUT THREE HOURS FOR THE TREK TO THE LOCATION OF STUDENTS
AND FOR THEIR RETURN. BOAT SHOULD DEPART ZAIRIAN SIDE APPROX-
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IMATELY 2200 HOURS, RETURNING KIGOMA APPROXIMATELY 0100 HOURS,

24 JUNE, WHERE EXCHANGE WILL OCCUR.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, EMBASSY RADIO OUT OF ACTION SINCE SUNDAY NIGHT, 22 JUNE, AND REPLACEMENT UNIT JUST RECEIVED AT 1300 HOURS TODAY FROM NAIROBI. WE WILL MONITOR RADIO THROUGH THE NIGHT AND REPORT TELEGRAPHICALLY EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

5. AMBASSADOR IN A.M. BRIEFING WITH PARENTS UNDERSCORED RISKS INHERENT IN NIGHT LAKE TRAVEL, AND HUNTER, SMITH AND HAMBURG SAID THEY FULLY AWARE OF THESE RISKS TO STUDENTS AND PREPARED ACCEPT THEM.

6. ONE CHARTER FLIGHT RETURNS DAR TODAY, THE OTHER REMAINS OVERNIGHT TO BRING HUNTER, BRYCESON AND STUDENTS BACK TUESDAY MORNING.
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